

Remarks/Arguments

Telephone Interview

During telephone interviews graciously held by the examiner on October 30, 2007, Applicant pointed out that U. S. Patent No. 5,387,447 to Slutz relates to a tubular structure having a coating on an exterior surface, **not on an interior surface**, as specified in claim 28. Applicant also pointed out that it is difficult to form a substantially uniform coating on the interior surface of a tubular structure but not necessarily on the exterior surface of a tubular structure.

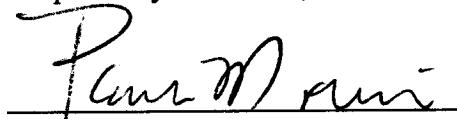
After some discussion Applicant FAXed a proposed amended claim 28 to the examiner. After further discussion, amended claim 28 herein was FAXed to the examiner and the examiner agreed that the amendments would overcome the rejection. Applicant also has amended the claims depending from claim 28 in the manner discussed with the examiner.

Although Applicant indicated that claims 31, 35, and 39 would be canceled, the amendments to these claims are believed to overcome the rejection of claim 31 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) and the double patenting rejection, and to render the claims allowable. If the examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number given below to resolve the matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and that all of the pending claims be allowed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this request, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SwRI-2890-04), maintained Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C. d/b/a The Morris Law Firm, P.C.

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